
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	2 November 2021
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Subject:	Communities Performance Report – Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider performance reporting for the Communities part of the Education and Communities Committee and provide an update in respect of the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report advises the Committee of the progress of the projects within the Communities Capital Programme and those external grant funded projects where the Council holds all or part of the grant funding for projects being progressed through partner organisations.
- 2.2 The report also provides an update on other Council Community Asset related activity.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Education and Communities Committee notes the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in this report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Communities Capital programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by Inverclyde Council on 18 March 2021.
- 4.2 The report also covers progress of external partner projects where the Council holds all or part of the funding through successful bids as part of the Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund process.

5.0 COMMUNITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS

5.1 Lady Alice Bowling Club:

The management committee is working with Community Link Scotland to support it in identifying and applying for external funding. The club have now signed their lease.

The Council continues to support the management committee of Lady Alice Bowling Club to source external funding to match the shortfall required in respect of the building and project costs.

5.2 Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis:

The design of the proposed indoor tennis centre has been agreed with all stakeholders. Dialogue continues with planners to support the application process. In anticipation of planning permission being granted, the specification of the internal facilities within the centre continue to be developed to include a gym area, café area and soft play as per the original design proposals. The Council and Inverclyde Leisure continue to engage with all stakeholders, including key funders and the tennis facility is currently going through the planning process.

5.3 Leisure Pitches Asset Management Plan / Lifecycle Fund:

The lifecycle works continue to be progressed based on the asset plan agreed at the September 2020 Education & Communities Committee. The carpet replacement at Lady Octavia Sports Centre 3G pitch is now completed. Design work on the pitch carpet replacements scheduled for 2022/23 will commence later in the current financial year.

5.4 Grieve Road Community Centre:

As previously reported, all works are now complete with the exception of the installation of new high level windows in the main hall and alterations to form a disability compliant toilet / relocation of an office. Building warrant is in progress with tenders now issued for this last phase of work.

5.5 Wemyss Bay Community Centre:

As previously reported, all works are now complete with the exception of the installation of new high level windows in the main hall. Building warrant is in place with tenders now issued for this last phase of work.

5.6 Whinhill Golf Club Lifecycle Works:

Replacement of windows, doors and security shutters is complete as previously reported including fencing / security improvements. Design work is currently being progressed, with building warrant submitted, addressing remodelling an element of the existing building to facilitate relocation of the 'Starter's Room' which will improve supervision. Work is also being undertaken on options for replacement of the existing oil fire heating system. Further phased works have been scoped and will be considered for progression subject to overall budget availability / limits.

5.7 Waterfront Leisure Centre Training Pool Moveable Floor:

The preparation of the design for tender document preparation is progressing incorporating the mechanical and electrical technical specification and moveable floor and associated controls specification. Property Services is working towards a tender being issued by the end of 4th Quarter 2021. As previously noted, the lead time for the specialist moveable floor is significant with the pre-site and site periods to be confirmed as part of the tender process. Subject to tender issue, evaluation and acceptance it is intended to align the site works with Inverclyde Leisure preference of Spring 2022 and the availability of Gourrock Outdoor Pool.

5.8 Watt Institution Creativity Space:

National Heritage Lottery Funding has been secured through the 'Watt Voices' project to address internal alterations to an existing office space and formation of a creativity space. Tenders were issued at the end of August and returned at the end of September 2021. Tender evaluation has now been completed with formal acceptance recently issued and pre-start meeting held.

5.9 Community Hub King George VI

The Council has been awarded funding of £1.184m from The Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) for the second phase relating to the refurbishment and conversion of the King George VI building in Port Glasgow into a community facility. Property Services is progressing the design work which involves the refurbishment and conversion of the building to be suitable for community use. As part of the preparation of the Architectural Stage 2 report, an energy model of the proposed building has been developed, including a design based on current building standards and options for consideration (subject to funding / budget constraints) that align with the impending zero carbon building standards. Formal cost planning and estimates will be prepared at the relevant architectural stages to address a comparison of the available budget against the developing design. The current programme targets conclusion of the formal tendering exercise including acceptance of contract by the end of 1st Quarter 2022.

6.0 COMMUNITIES EXTERNAL PARTNER PROJECTS

- 6.1 **Craigend Resource Centre:** Construction work on the Craigend Resource Centre is progressing as planned, with the current status as groundworks and below slab drainage completed. Steel frame erected for the main building is also progressing well, unfortunately due some issues around utility services there is now delay of 8 weeks with an estimated of completion of phase 1 end November 2021.
- 6.2 **The Inverclyde Shed Meet, Make + Share:** The Council, in partnership with the Inverclyde Shed, has been awarded funding of £504k from The Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) to transform a vacant light industrial unit in East Blackhall Street into a community workshop. Legal Services has now agreed the funding agreement.
- 6.3 **Parklea Branching Out:** A first stage application was submitted on 19 June 2020. The RCGF Investment Panel has now confirmed that application was successful to proceed to a stage 2 application which was submitted on 22 October 2021. Officers are working closely with the Committee to support the application. If successful with stage 2, confirmation of funding will likely be in early 2022.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

7.2 Legal

There are no known Legal implications contained within this report.

7.3 Human Resources

There are no known Human Resources implications contained within this report.

7.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

7.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation implications contained within this report.

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 None.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.